

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Augustyn *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/688,923

Filed: October 21, 2003

For: **Diffuser Plate and Method of
Making Same**

Confirmation No.: 3188

Art Unit: *To Be Assigned*

Examiner: *To Be Assigned*

Atty. Docket: 1857.1560001/MVM/LMY

**Petition For Expedited Handling Of Foreign Filing License
Under 37 C.F.R. § 5.11 *Et Seq.***

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Hand Carry to Office of Licensing and Review
Group 3600, 2451 Crystal Drive
Crystal Park Five, 3rd Floor, Room 3D11
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

It is hereby petitioned that a Foreign Filing License be granted in an expedited manner for the above-referenced application. Applicants desire to file immediately one or more international applications directed to subject matter that is described in the application.

Applicants desire to seek immediate patent protection for the invention by filing corresponding patent applications abroad, in countries not adhering to the Paris Convention Treaty. A foreign filing license is necessary in order to file abroad. It is therefore respectfully requested that a foreign filing license be granted on an expedited basis.

The original application has been filed October 21, 2003, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, so that this Petition is formally submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 5.14.

A copy of the patent application is attached to this Petition. This Petition is being hand-carried to the Office of Licensing and Review, Group 3600, 2451 Crystal Drive, Crystal Park Five, 3rd Floor, Room 3D11, Arlington, VA 22202, to expedite its handling.

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It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned with the decision on this Petition immediately after it has been acted upon. Do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if there should be any questions concerning this request.

Please telephone the undersigned at (202) 772-8667 to pick up the foreign filing license, when granted. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 5.12(b), the address of the undersigned petitioner is Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox p.l.l.c., 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), our Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for the required fee of \$130.00 is attached. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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